

No. 7.—Reduction of phode charges.

Messrs. Soorappa, Sidlaghatta Municipality; and H. M. Surinara-nappa, Sidlaghatta Taluk; Bhaskarappa, Srinivasapur Taluk.

As the phode charges on gomal and kharab lands now recovered at Rs. 2 per acre were heavy, it was prayed that the same rate be levied on whole number instead of per acre.

THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL said that the question would be considered.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—(contd).

MR. B. SRINIVASA RAO (Bowringpet Taluk).—

Q.—9. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) When and in what year the following tanks were silted up with cyanide dust:—

1. Sonnakuppa, 2. Mallampalli, 3. Ryagadahalli, 4. Oorigathubukere, 5. Nagisettihalli, 6. Lakshmisagara, 7. Gowdanakere, 8. Pothanakere, 9. Keelukemballi, 10. Balagere, 11. Gangadoddi, 12. Sivasagara, 13. Hosakere, 14. Chinnakere, 15. Kammasandra?

(b) Whether wet cultivation is going on below those tanks ; if so, the names of such tanks ?

(c) Whether remission of wet and bagayet assessments has at any time been refused for the atchkat lands of those tanks? If so, the atchkat of the tanks and the years may be kindly specified?

(d) The number of petitions presented by the atchkatdars of these tanks during the last 20 years praying for the remission of wet assessment and grant of compensation and the result of such representations?

(e) Whether it is a fact that the Mining Board have agreed to give compensation to the atchkatdars ; if so, when and what amount?

(f) Whether it is a fact that the Mining Board were asked to give crop compensation at the rate of Rs. 60 per acre for the total extent of 14 acres and 33 guntas below Sonnakuppa tank in the year 1923; if so, what was the reply given by the Board ?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.—

A.—9. (a) The silting up process is a slow one. It may be generally stated that it has been going on for the past 20 years or more.

- (b) The answer is in the negative.
- (c) Information is not available.
- (d) The question is vague.* It is not possible to give the number of petitions presented during such a long period.
- (e) No.
- (f) No.

Supplementary Questions and Answers.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

With reference to answer to part (a) of the question, may I know what the reason is for not giving remission of assessment although the silting process was going on for the last 20 years?

The Revenue Commissioner.—

As far as possible, remission of wet assessment is being given under those tanks.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

When there was no cultivation for the last so many years, why should the kandayam be paid?

The Revenue Commissioner.—

The question of affording some relief is under the active consideration of the Government.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Rao.—

Are there any more tanks under which wet cultivation has not been going on for so many years' like the one under discussion?

Second Member of Council.—

Not likely.

MR. CHIKNANJAREDDI (Bagepalli Taluk).—

Q.—10. Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) Whether they are aware that the capacity of many of the tanks in villages has been reduced, due to their being silted up long after the construction of such tanks?

(b) The additional extent included in the original atchkat after resurvey?